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Examiner: E. McElwain

Re: U.S. Application No. 10/668,240 filed September 24, 2003  
Title: Coordinated Decrease and Increase of Gene Expression  
of More Than One Gene Using Transgenic Constructs  
Applicants: Alison VAN EENENNAAM *et al.*  
Atty. Dkt: 16517.265

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (2 months);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
3. Amendment in Conjunction with Request for Continued Examination; and
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Authorization to charge the statutory fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination and for requesting a two-month extension of time is given in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/30.

In the event that extensions of time, other than those submitted herewith, are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.265. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures